

Junior Scientist Volunteer FAQs

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Junior Scientist Program (JSP) at the St. Petersburg Science Festival. Our volunteers are essential to make the festival a success, and we are grateful to have your time, energy, and talents! This document provides frequently asked questions about what entails to be a JSP volunteer at the festival. Please email the Junior Scientist Program Committee at juniorscientist@stpetescifest.org for any further questions or concerns (Please allow up to 24 hrs for a response).

Am I eligible to be a Jr. Scientist?

You must be a middle or high school student to volunteer.

Do I need a Chaperone to Participate?

You must be accompanied by a chaperone (18+) during your volunteer participation at the Science Festival. If you are unable to be accompanied by a chaperone, you cannot participate in the program.

What types of tasks will I do as a JSP volunteer?

Tasks include communicating your assigned exhibition topic and activities and engage with the public during the science festival.

Is training necessary?

No training is necessary to be a Junior Scientist. We only need your enthusiasm, energy and passion for STEAM.

How will I know what to do?

You will be assigned to an exhibition and the exhibitor will teach you their science activity and answer any questions you might have. If you are ever in doubt as to what to do, please contact the Junior Scientist Coordinator.

How long are volunteer shifts?

The shift range is 3 to 4 hours long on Friday, October 18, and Saturday, October 19.

What are the incentives for being a volunteer at the St. Petersburg Science Festival?

Volunteers will receive one unisex cotton festival t-shirt and lunch. The festival is also a lot of fun and a great place to network and learn!

Can I get a volunteer work letter?

Volunteers who earn extra credit or complete community service can obtain a letter stating volunteer hours or have necessary documents signed at the end of their shifts when signing out.

How do I sign up to be a volunteer?

Volunteers should complete the online volunteer sign-up form (you can find it at: https://www.stpetescifest.org/page/jr_scientist).

**It is expected that you arrive at Volunteer Check-in at least 15 minutes prior to your shift, and stay for the entire duration of your shift. Please only sign up if you can do so. Once you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation of your scheduled shift(s).

Where should I park?

Prior to the festival, you will receive a parking pass and map of volunteer parking lots via email. If you do not have access to a printer, you can get a parking pass at the volunteer check-in table. Please give yourself plenty of time (at least 30 min) to park prior to the start of your shift.

Where do I check-in?

Volunteer check-in will be located at PRW-109, on the north side of 6th Ave South between 2nd and 3rd Streets South, adjacent to the parking garage. Please plan to check-in no less than 15 minutes prior to your shift, so you can be in place by your scheduled start time.